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able to do what they are charged with. What effect Mr. Gossamer's Yunnan report will have on the policy of the Government it is hard to say, but it is, at least, unfavorable, it will assuredly tend to render it more determined. Whether peace or war be the issue of the present difficulty, there can be little doubt that there will be a revision of the treaties and that the relations between China and Great Britain will be laid on a new and more satisfactory basis. It is to be hoped, however, that Mr. Mackay's Government will not forget, when consulting with other Powers, that British interests in China considerably exceed those of all other Western nations put together, and that consequently it is in no way called upon to follow any lead. An independent policy will most consort with her dignity and national importance.

Under the heading, "The Union of Islam," will be found an original column article translated from the Constantinople *As-Sabah* which throws some fresh light upon the recent alliance formed between Turkey and Kashgar. It will be remembered that the Akers some time since, somewhat to the surprise of most people, entered into a treaty with Turkey and publicly acknowledged the Sultan as his sovereign chief. This move was at the same time reported to be heading an Embassy to China, on behalf of the Akers, to the Mahomedans of China, and mainly, perhaps, in the interests of Yacoub Buz. The policy of this movement on the part of the Akers was questioned at the time, as it appeared to be most improbable that Turkey could afford him the smallest material assistance in his struggle with China, while it was almost certain to rouse the resentment of his powerful, ambitious, and scheming neighbor, Russia.

The distances between Turkey and Kashgar, the want of communication, and the poverty of the Sultan, were all insuperable obstacles to the former rendering the Akers any help in man or arms. YACOB Buz must have been lamentably ignorant of the condition of the Akers, or he would surely never have hoped for assistance from such a quarter. That he did hope for it, there seems no reason to doubt. Unity of faith, he thought, perhaps, would produce unity of interest. He was destined to be speedily undeceived.

His Envoy, who craved a loan of five millions sterling, and the services of ten thousand soldiers, was soon told that the Sultan had neither the money nor the men to spare. His Sublime Majesty had no objection to receive the Akers's submission as his tributary, and would be perfectly willing to afford him what moral support it was in his power to give. This would, if it had ever been given, however, have proved a very frail reed indeed to lean upon, but, strange to say, nothing further has been heard of the Embassy to Peking, and it appears doubtful now whether it ever left Constantinople.

Clearly enough Kashgar never had anything to hope from Turkey. That Power, even if free from the embarrassments and internecine struggles which at present threaten it with destruction, is too remote from Kashgar to be able to render it much aid of any kind. The Union of Islam will prove a mere dream, we imagine. The Crescent is on the wane everywhere. Note such a Mahomedan kingdom possesses the ability to extend help to a struggling co-religionist. Turkey is, to all appearance, in the throes of dissolution; Egypt is in a state of financial embarrassment almost unprecedented; nearly all the Mahomedan States in Central Asia have been subjugated and annexed by Russia; and other African-Mahomedan countries are comparatively powerless; and Kashgar alone shows any real vigor. The Akers is, however, in a rather critical position, for he is placed, so to speak, between two fires. With China he is engaged in a war that may be prosecuted to the bitter end; with Russia he is on rather doubtful terms, and the Czars may, at any moment, if it suits his purpose, enter into an alliance with China against him. The Government of St. Petersburg is now calmly looking on at the struggle between China and Kashgar, and will not doubt be ready with its proposals when the proper moment arrives. It does not suit its purpose yet to intervene. If the Chinese are hard driven and become anxious for assistance, then it would probably be forthcoming from Russia—at a price. Part of Manchuria has already been sacrificed; Korea might perhaps, follow. Yacoub Buz entranced Russia by seeking the Turkish alliance. The mistake is, however, irreparable. Russia can have no interest in courting an alliance with Kashgar. The latter may serve as a useful lever to her in her intrigues in China, but could never be a valuable ally. Of course it is just possible that the astuteness of Russian statesmen may for once prove at fault, and the Akers, by rapid and brilliant successes, become the arbiter of affairs in China. But at present so little of a reliable nature is known with respect to the campaign now being conducted by him that it is utterly impossible to predict what will be the issue. In any case, however, the Union of Islam is a most unlikely event, and, if accomplished, would have an almost insupportable influence on the future of other nations, whatever effect it might have on the fortunes of the followers of the Prophet.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, and until further notice, Mr. P. W. Hoffman to be Official Translator.

The Picture Exhibition at the City Hall will be open again to-day at a charge of 50 cents. The public will do well to take advantage of this opportunity of inspecting the collection, which is a rare one of the sort in the Far East. The Band of the 25th Regiment will be in attendance, and will perform the following programme:—

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We are informed that the next entertainment at the Theatre Royal will take place this evening, to commence at 8.30; admission free. The Hall is very much improved by the next door promises having been taken up, and the entertainment will be given at a lower rate than in the range hitherto used for the purpose.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED. The following Report of the Directors will be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the company's office, at half-past three o'clock p.m., on Wednesday next:—

In accordance with Section 53 of the Articles of Association of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, the Directors have the honor to inform you that the Half-Yearly Report with Statement of Accounts for the six months ending 30th June, 1876.

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